

Commodity Shelf Newsletter

February 2010

January proved to be a very busy month here at DESE – SFS getting Processing Packets sent and hosting Commodity Expos, leaving little time to work on the February Commodity Shelf Newsletter but some important information has become available since the January Newsletter. Therefore, here is a bulleted list of hot topics without the thorough explanations like normal. If you need additional information on any of the topics below, please contact the office, 573-751-2646 or webreplyascfocom@dese.mo.gov.



- **Commodity Expo Recap**

- Big thanks go out to Brenda Dwyer (Fort Osage), Deanna House (Waynesville), Octavio Pino (Francis Howell) and their staff for hosting wonderful events the last week of January. More than 300 participants attended the Commodity Expos and more than 20 processors attended each day. Many Local Education Agencies (LEAs) took advantage of the opportunity to fine tune their Processing Packets with DESE – SFS staff as well as network with other foodservice personnel from across the state to gather fresh ideas on day-to-day school lunch activities.

- **USDA Donated Food (DF) deliveries from Food Distribution Associates (FDA)**

- With the winter break and a few snow days in early January, FDA has fallen a couple weeks behind on monthly deliveries. LEAs should expect January deliveries to run about two (2) weeks behind. LEAs normally receiving monthly deliveries during the 3rd and 4th week of the month may not receive their delivery until early February. LEAs can estimate their scheduled February delivery will be approximately four (4) weeks after the January delivery was received.



- **Monthly Orders**

- The monthly [Open Order](#) is available to all LEAs in MO and the items are received **free of charge** to all public LEAs. Non-public LEAs pay a delivery fee for Open Order items. The value listed next to each item is the amount of MO Entitlement DESE – SFS used to purchase each case and is listed on the Open Order form each month for LEAs contracting their foodservice with a Food Service Management Company. Open Orders are delivered the next month; therefore, LEAs should double-check the delivery month listed on the Open Order and will know the newest Open Order is available when the delivery month has changed.
- All other Monthly Orders (except Open Order) are for processed items and have fees associated with ordering each case. The cost (fee) per case to the LEA is listed in the last column on each order form. Invoices are generated by each processor and are payable to the processor. The Monthly Order Forms are available during the School Year until the State of MO depletes the balance of USDA DF with the processor. ***MO has depleted the balance of USDA DF lbs of Vegetable Oil (B672) with Mrs. Clark's for SY 09-10; therefore, the Mrs. Clark's order forms will not be available again until SY 10-11 when more Vegetable Oil is sent to Mrs. Clark's.***

- **Sliced American Cheese Changes**

- USDA could not purchase the sliced American cheese, [B065](#), for the original requested date. Originally a February delivery was planned but now is planned for March distribution.

- **Frozen, Sliced Apples (A346)**

- There was a mistake made on the distribution lists for the second allocation of A346 sent to FDA, and the problem was not caught until FDA was in the middle of filling orders. The amount of a prorated item is determined by taking the total number of cases in inventory of an item, dividing the cases by the ADP of all LEAs receiving the item, and then multiplying each LEA's ADP by the quotient. When I



(Matthew Essner) was totaling the cases of A346 to be distributed, I overlooked that 3 of the 8 trucks of A346 were sent to United Commodity Group for processing and not to FDA.

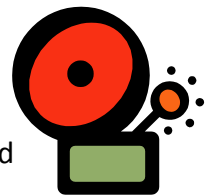
Adjustments were made on the fly to the best of our ability when the problem was revealed, but some LEAs will not be receiving A346 as originally planned, because I figured for 3,960 cases which were never in inventory at FDA. I apologize to the LEAs who will not be receiving A346 and will investigate ways to avoid this overlook in the future.

- **National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) – March 8 – 12, 2010**

- The School Nutrition Association (SNA) has celebrated NSBW since 1989 to bring attention about the importance of the School Breakfast Program. The theme for the 2010 NSBW is 'Ready Set Go!' LEAs can visit the [SNA Web Site](#) for more ideas on celebrating NSBW, menus, contests, sweepstakes and more. Have fun with NSBW, and 'Ready Set Go!' make it a big success!

- **Commodity Alert System**

- USDA – Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), has launched a Commodity Alert System for interested subscribers to receive notifications about commodity food safety events. The USDA – FNS Commodity Alert System is provided free of charge to subscribers who self-register for E-Mail alerts. Click [here](#) to go to the FNS Website for more details and instructions on how to register. (http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fd_foodsafety.htm)



- **Orange Thumb Grant**

- Fiskars® Project Orange Thumb grants garden tools and materials such as plants, seeds, mulch, etc. to eligible gardening groups. Maximum award: \$1,000 in implements and materials. Eligibility: gardens and/or gardening projects geared toward community involvement, neighborhood beautification, horticultural education, and/or sustainable agriculture. Deadline: February 19, 2010. Interested LEAs can find more information and details [here](#).

- **Quotes for the Month**

- "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."
- "You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others – something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."

Albert Schweitzer



Prorated Commodities for School Year 2009-2010

(The below list are the Prorated Commodities DESE, SFS anticipates receiving. *All quantities, delivery periods, and values are subject to change.*)

Prorated Commodities are USDA Donated Foods (DF), which are purchased by DESE – SFS and then equally distributed to all LEAs participating in the DF program based on their Average Daily Participation (ADP) in the National School Lunch Program. These commodities are intended to be used in the approved Child Nutrition Programs sponsored by USDA. LEAs may **REFUSE** any Prorated Commodity item they wish by having the **Authorized Representative contact DESE – SFS in writing at least six (6) weeks prior to the beginning Estimated Delivery Period**. Refusals can be sent via E-Mail to webreplyascfocom@dese.mo.gov, by Fax to 573-526-3897 or by letter to PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480.

Commodity Code	Description	Case per ADP*	Case Size	Estimated Delivery Period	Estimated per Case VALUE**
Fruits and Vegetables					
A174	Potatoes, Wedges, IQF	44	6 – 5 lb bags	COMPLETE	\$ 14.25
A417	Strawberries, FRZN, Diced, 4.5 oz IND cups	52	96 – 4.5 oz cups	COMPLETE	\$ 30.76
A130	Corn, FRZN, Whole Kernel	44	30 lb case	COMPLETE	\$ 12.26
A416	Peaches, FRZN, Diced, 4.4 oz IND cups	52	96 – 4.4 oz cups	COMPLETE	\$ 23.04
A433	Pears, CND, Sliced, Bartlett	64	6 – # 10 cans	COMPLETE	\$ 22.84
A243	Spaghetti Sauce, CND, Meatless	62	6 – # 10 cans	COMPLETE	\$ 12.71
A346	Apple Slices, FRZN, Unsweetened	59	30 lb case	COMPLETE	\$ 9.68
A091 ***	Beans, Vegetarian, CND,	68	6 – # 10 cans	COMPLETE	\$ 13.48
A431	Pears, CND, Halves	64	6 – # 10 cans	COMPLETE	\$ 23.40
A204	Potatoes, Rounds, FRZN	44	6 – 5 lb bags	COMPLETE	\$ 12.49
A061 ***	Beans, Green, CND	64	6 – # 10 cans	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 16.52
A350	Applesauce, CND, Unsweetened	64	6 – # 10 cans	COMPLETE	\$ 17.08
A346	Apple Slices, FRZN, Unsweetened	83	30 lb case	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 9.68
A942	Beans, Pinto, DRY, Whole	46	25 lb bag	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 9.48
A409	Peaches, CND, Clingstone, Diced	64	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 17.54
A434	Pears, CND, Diced, Bartlett	64	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 22.19
A085 ***	Beans, Refried, CND	68	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 21.79
A210	Potatoes, FRZN, Oven Fry, Crinkle	44	6 – 5 lb bags	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 17.17
A299	Orange Juice, FRZN, 4 oz IND cartons	38	70 – 4 fl oz cartons	Mar 1, 10 – Apr 15, 10	\$ 7.48
Meat/Meat Alternates					
B065	Cheese, Sliced American, Yellow, Processed	37	6 – 5 lb loaves	COMPLETE	\$ 34.52
A515	Chicken, Cut-Up, FRZN, 8 pc, Raw	20 ****	40 lb case	COMPLETE	\$ 26.50
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	84 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	COMPLETE	\$ 59.54
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	44 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	Jan 1, 10 – Jan 31, 10	\$ 60.32
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	24 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	Feb 1, 10 – Feb 28, 10	\$ 61.97
A515	Chicken, Cut-Up, FRZN, 8 pc, Raw	20 ****	40 lb case	Jan 15, 10 – Feb 28, 10	\$ 26.50
B065	Cheese, Sliced American, Yellow, Processed	37	6 – 5 lb loaves	Mar 1, 10 – Apr 15, 10	\$ 46.99
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	MAKE UP*****	4 – 10 lb packages	Mar 15, 10 – Apr 30, 10	\$ 59.54

* Case per ADP means each LEA will receive approximately one (1) case of product for that number of Average Daily Participants. Each LEA will receive **AT LEAST** one (1) case of the product. This figure is only an ESTIMATE!

- Example: If LEA Jane Doe's ADP = 100 and A299 = 38 Case/ADP, then they could estimate to receive 2 cases of A299.
(100 ÷ 38 = 2.63. Round down for estimates).

** Estimated per Case VALUE is the value figured for each case based on the estimated cost per requested truck [determined by the USDA's Electronic Commodity Ordering System (ECOS)] divided by the number of cases on each truck.

- Example: A truck of A608 is estimated by ECOS to cost \$59,540 and contain 1,000 cases; therefore the Estimated VALUE is \$59,540 ÷ 1,000 = \$59.54.

*** These commodity **BEANS** can be credited for a Vegetable *or* a Meat/Meat Alternate in Food Based Menu Planning, but cannot be credited for BOTH on the same menu.

**** Beef and Chicken Case/ADP's are determined by the response each LEA chose on the Processing Packet for School Year 2009 – 2010. If your LEA chose to process any percent of either commodity, then you must adjust the Case/ADP accordingly. If your LEA chose to process 100% of the commodity, then ZERO (0) cases will be prorated to your LEA.

- Example: If you chose to process 50% of your Chicken and your ADP is 100, then you would determine your quantity of A515 cases and multiply by 0.50 to estimate that you will receive 2 cases of A515.

(100 ÷ 20 = 5 cases), (5 cases x 0.50 = 2.5 cases) Round down for estimates.

***** MAKE UP deliveries are for LEA's who chose to defer their pounds of PORK on the Processing Packet for School Year 2009 – 2010 and receive GROUND BEEF instead.

IQF = Individually Quick Frozen

FRZN = Frozen

IND = Individual

CND = Canned